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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Application

Claims 1, 3-7, 13-16, 49 are pending.

The request for entering amendments to claims 1, 15, 16, addition of claim 49 and arguments filed on 3/31/2004 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the Final Action Paper No. 22, mailed on 10/17/2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on 2/17/2004 are acknowledged. The amendments will be entered as they are deemed sufficient to overcome the rejections previously applied.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3-7, 13-16, 49 appear to be allowable over the prior art of record.
2. A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

Conclusion

3. Certain papers related to this application may be submitted to Art Unit 1652 by facsimile transmission. The FAX number is (703) 872-9306. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notices published in the Official Gazette, 1156 OG 61 (November 16, 1993) and 1157 OG 94 (December 28, 1993) (see 37 CFR 1.6(d)). NOTE: If Applicant submits a paper by FAX, the original copy should be retained by Applicant or Applicant's representative. NO DUPLICATE COPIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED, so as to avoid the processing of duplicate papers in the Office.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Delia M. Ramirez whose telephone number is (571) 272-0938. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Ponnathapura Achutamurthy can be reached on (571) 272-0928. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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